

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification (Abstract) beginning on page 28, line 1 to read as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An endoscope apparatus having an insertion section and an operation section. An ~~has an~~ inner channel ~~interposed~~ is provided between a distal open end opening to the distal portion of the insertion section and a ~~forceps port to the proximal portion of the insertion section. The forceps port of the inner channel is provided at a grip portion of an~~ proximal open end that is provided in the operation section. A treatment instrument can be inserted into the proximal open end for passage through the channel and extension out from the distal open end.